Besides these State-sector projects there are a number of Multi-State and Central Sector projects in which the states are beneficiaries.

(b) to (d) Government of India, who is the borrower of loans from World Bank repays these loans. These loans are passed on to the State on standard ACA terms.

States are required to repay Government of India in a consolidated fashion for all loans given to them by Government of India (including ACA loans). There is normally no default on the part of State Governments. Defaults, if any, are adjusted by the close of the financial year.

Progress of Cases in Debt Recovery Tribunals

1282. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of recovery of funds loaned to Corporate bodies by Public Sector Banks and FIs is poor;

(b) if so, whether this is due to slow progress of cases in Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT);

(c) if not, the rate of improvement in the disposal of cases by DRT during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(d) the further action plan to expedite the recovery from the corporate bodies through DRT; and

(e) the funds loaned to corporates and now remaining unrecovered and now in bad debt during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (e) Reserve Bank of India has reported that their information system does not generate such type of information. However, the gross and net NPAs of Public Sector Banks for the last three years are as under:

(Amount Rs. in crores)

Year	Gross NPAs	Net NPAs
31.03.1997	43577	20284.73
31.03.1998	45653	21232.18
31.03.1999	51711	24211.49

(b) to (d) The performance of the Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) has been affected on account of certain court cases, including the one in Delhi High Court declaring the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 null and void. The Government has however filed a Special Leave Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and DRTs are functioning under the orders of the Supreme Court. As reported by DRTs, 2107 cases in 1997-98 and 2203 cases in 1998-99 have been disposed of by these tribunals. DRTs have started showing encouraging results and government have decided to set up five more DRTs and four more Appellate Tribunals in addition to existing 10 DRTs and one DRT in the Country. It is also proposed to carry out some amendments in the DRT Act to make the tribunals more effective.

Diversion of Funds Vis-a-vis Ispat Industries and Jindal Vijaynagar Steel Project

1283. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 190 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with respect to the Ispat Industries Ltd., and Jindal Vijaynagar Steels, the diversion of funds has been one of the major reasons for the cost and time over-run of these projects;

(b) if so, the details of the diversions; and

(c) the action being taken and result achieved so far in getting back the diverted fund?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE